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Title: DEVICE FOR INTRODUCING SAMPLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the channel system contains at least two serial channel sections, each of which is delimited by fluidic connections.
4. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the channel system contains at least two parallel channel sections which are delimited independently of one another by fluidic connections.
5. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that tightly sealing micropumps serve as fluidic connections.
6. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that micromixers, valves and micropumps serve as fluidic connections.
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